

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein said increased thickness is only localized on said outer tubular layer.

3. (currently amended) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein said increased thickness is only localized on said inner tubular layer.

4. (currently amended) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein said increased thickness is localized on both said outer tubular layer and said inner tubular layer.

5. (currently amended) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein said first and said second tubular layers are colored with different pigmentation along their whole extension or along parts thereof.

6. (previously presented) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 5, wherein said pigmentation and colorings are substantially uniform and they are differentiated in correspondence of the thickness change of said longitudinal portions with predetermined extension.

7. (currently amended) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein said hose comprises one or more further inner, outer or middle tubular layers, made of plastic material, having technical and/or aesthetic functions.

8. (previously presented) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 7, wherein said one or more further plastic material layers are chosen from the group comprising food compatible, anti-abrasives, UV shielding and ornamental films.

9-14. (canceled)

15. (new) Multiple layer reinforced flexible hose comprising at least one first inner tubular layer made of extruded plastic material, at least one second outer tubular layer made of extruded plastic material, a tubular reinforcement made of a textile material interposed between said first and said second layer, said layers being homogeneously joined in correspondence of their mutual contact surface so as to define a wall having an overall predetermined thickness, an end portion of said wall having an increased thickness along longitudinal portions of predetermined extension to thereby provide watertight sealing action with external connection organs, wherein said increased thickness is substantially constant along the whole extension of each said longitudinal portion and a non-linear, stepped increase with respect to the rest of the hose.

16. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 15, wherein said stepped increase is of substantially circular shape.

17. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 15, wherein said stepped increase has a substantially short conical shape.

18. (new) Multiple layer reinforced flexible hose comprising at least one first inner tubular layer made of extruded plastic material, at least one second outer tubular layer made of extruded plastic material, a tubular reinforcement made of a textile material interposed between said first and said second layer, said layers being homogeneously joined in correspondence of their mutual contact surface so as to define a wall having an overall predetermined thickness, an end portion of said wall having an increased thickness to provide watertight sealing action with external connection organs, said increased thickness being substantially constant along substantially the entire extent of said end portion.

19. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 19, wherein said increased thickness is only localized on said outer tubular layer.

20. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 19, wherein said increased thickness is only localized on said inner tubular layer.
21. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 19, wherein said increased thickness is localized on both said outer tubular layer and said inner tubular layer.
22. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 19, wherein said first and said second tubular layers are colored with different pigmentation along their whole extension or along parts thereof.
23. (previously presented) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 22, wherein said pigmentation and colorings are substantially uniform and they are differentiated in correspondence of the thickness change of said longitudinal portions with predetermined extension.
24. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 19, wherein said hose comprises one or more further inner, outer or middle tubular layers, made of plastic material, having technical and/or aesthetic functions.
25. (new) Reinforced flexible hose according to claim 24, wherein said one or more further plastic material layers are chosen from the group comprising food compatible, anti-abrasives, UV shielding and ornamental films.